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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: John N. McMahon
Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT: New Cable Output Format

REFERENCE: DDA Memo (#79-3839), subject as above, dated
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Don:

While I applaud the cost effectiveness of your new cable format, I object strenuously to it. You may save some time in the manual output; you may also save paper. But, for those of us who read thousands of cables a week, it is time consuming, nearly illegible, and extremely frustrating.

I submit that the purpose the cables must serve outweighs the process. I well appreciate that the manpower reductions have had great impact on cable handling, but the solution shouldn't rest in a product that aggravates the eyesight and temperament of the customers and impedes product utilization. If you feel that the system is necessary, before it is implemented I would like to have a round table discussion with Frank and the other Deputy Directors on this subject.

John N. McMahon

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